



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Nature has provided some calming, beautiful scenery this spring while life as we've known it has been put on pause in Jeffersontown, across the country and in the world. The cherry blossom trees that stand guard at Freedom Wall in Jeffersontown's Veterans Memorial Park were in full bloom a few weeks ago, giving a symbolic sign of hope for brighter days ahead.

I know all of us long for the days when we can share life together again as the people of Jeffersontown — at our schools, community groups, churches, sports leagues, businesses, neighborhoods and events of all kinds. We have such a strong sense of community here, and it's tough to weather the challenges that isolation and lack of in-person connectivity bring.

Now our strong sense of community has been repurposed into a resiliency that requires us to be kind to each other by staying home to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus. It's hard to imagine that even coffee with a neighbor or a playdate with toddler friends can spread the virus and unknowingly undermine the self-quarantine efforts of many others.

Jeffersontown's leaders thank those of you who have a commitment to social distancing when you are grocery shopping, running necessary errands and picking up food from our restaurants here. This is how you do your part to be this generation's patriots.

We also appreciate the health care workers and first responders who are putting their health and lives at risk for us. They are the front-line soldiers of this battle, and we owe them our deepest gratitude. We also want to thank the other members of the business community and their workers, who are transporting and delivering goods, stocking shelves, preparing and serving food, checking out shoppers, and creating protective equipment to help keep those safe who are working in the midst of this crisis.

In addition, Jeffersontown is blessed by many who have stepped up and shown kindness by assisting the more fragile members of our community by donating food, running errands, and checking on neighbors.

We don't know when life will return to something close to any normal that we've known. But we hope it won't be too long before we see Jeffersontown's parks and other public spaces filled with families, enjoying activities, events and each other.

In the meantime, the Jeffersontown City Council and I encourage you to stay strong as we remain confident and focused on the fact that better days lie ahead for all.

Best regards,

Jeffersontown
Mayor Bill Dieruf



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